Highway Department of Texas, to determine whether the injurious accident and death mentioned herein and personal injuries sustained were due to the negligence of the employees of the State of Texas and/or High-way Department of Texas, while constructing, working on or maintaining State Highway No. 37 and while in the course and scope of their employment, and to determine the amount of damages, if any, occasioned by the death of D. D. Sargent, deceased, directly and proximately resulting from such negligence of the employees of the State of Texas and/or Highway Department of Texas to Edna Ruth Sargent, individually and as next friend or guardian of the estate of Bobby Dale Sargent, minor and noncompos mentis, and to recover judgment therefor; and, be it further

Resolved, That service of citation and/or all other necessary processes may be had upon the Governor of the State of Texas or the Attorney General of the State of Texas at Austin, Texas; and that said suit be tried under the same rules of law, liability, and evidence, and in like manner as similar suits instituted against pri-vate corporations are tried. However, it is to be understood that the purpose of this resolution is to grant permission to Edna Ruth Sargent, surviving wife of D. D. Sargent, deceased, individually and as guardian of the estate or next friend, for Bobby Dale Sargent, a minor and noncompos mentis, to bring suit against the State of Texas, and/or Highway Department of Texas; and no admission of liability of the State is made by this resolution, and the facts as set out therein must be proved in Court; and be it further

Resolved, That suit may be instituted upon said claim at any time within two years from and after the date of the passage and approval of this resolution.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the resolution was considered immediately and was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas-29

Aikin	Crawford
Brown	Hardeman
Bullock	Harris
Carney	Hazlewood
Chadick	Jones
Cousins	Kelley of Hidalgo

Kelly of Tarrant	Stewart
Knight	Strauss
Lane	Taylor
Moffett	Tynan
Morris	Vick
Phillips	Weinert
Proffer	Winfield
Ramsey	York
Stanford	

Absent—Excused
Mauritz Parrish

Bill and Resolutions Signed

The President signed in the presence of the Senate, after giving due notice thereof, the following enrolled bill and resolutions:

- S. B. No. 177, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing counties or any political subdivisions of counties to make, and the State Highway Commission to accept, voluntary contributions of funds for expenditure by the State Highway Commission in the development of public roads in such counties or political subdivisions, and declaring an emergency."
- S. C. R. No. 3, Relative the Four Freedoms.
- S. C. R. No. 10, Inviting Honorable Tom Clark to address the Legislature.
- S. C. R. No. 13, Granting permission of Edna Ruth Sargent to sue the State

Motion to Take Up Senate Resolution 32

Senator Phillips asked unanimous consent to take up Senate Resolution No. 32 for consideration at this time.

The President announced that there was objection.

Motion to Take Up Senate Bill 191

Senator Kelley of Hidalgo asked unanimous consent to take up Senate Bill 191 for consideration at this time.

The President announced that there was objection offered.

Adjournment

On motion of Senator Vick, the Senate, at 12:35 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

(Wednesday, February 19, 1947)

The Senate met at 10:30 o'clock

a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin Lane Brown Moffett Morris Bullock Parrish Carney Chadick Proffer Ramsey Cousins Crawford Stanford Hardeman Strauss Harris Taylor Hazlewood Tynan Vick Jones Weinert Kelley of Hidalgo Kelly of Tarrant Winfield Knight York

A quorum was announced present.

Reverend J. E. Chester, Chaplain, offered the invocation.

On motion of Senator Brown, and by unanimous consent, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with and the Journal approved.

Leaves of Absence Granted

Senator Phillips was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Vick.

Senator Stewart was granted leave of absence for today on account of important business on motion of Senator Brown.

Message from the House

Hall of the House of Representatives,

Austin, Texas, February 17, 1947.

Hon. Allan Shivers, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills and reso-

H. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 10 of Article 46A, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes; permitting the State Department of Public Welfare to have access to information on adoptions as reported to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Department of Health; providing for certain additional infiscal year ending August 31, 1947; formation, and providing for the and declaring an emergency." safeguarding of the confidential na-

ture of adoption records; repealing clause; saving clause; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending S. B. No. 167, being Chapter 361, page 639 of the Acts of the Forty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, 1945, providing for equalization of aid to public schools as follows: Amend Section 1, Article II; and Article III by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 2a; and amend Section 1 of Article IV; amend Article V; and amend Article XIII by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 3; making an additional appropriation and allocation of \$1,472,-364; repealing all laws in conflict therewith; providing for severability; and declaring an emergency."

H. C. R. No. 30. Urging the State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission to extend necessary aid toward elimination of rabies infection in Newton-Jasper area.

H. B. No. 167, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Section 4 of House Bill No. 110, Chapter 281, General and Special Laws of the 49th Legislature, Regular Session, 1925, relating to the appointment of receiver for certain mineral interests in land owned by non-resident and unknown owners, and creating an emergency."

S. B. No. 106, Making an emergency appropriation for the Texas National Armory Board for the fiscal year beginning the 15th day of February, 1947 and ending August 31, 1947 being an appropriation available immediately with an amendment.

Respectfully submitted CLARENCE JONES Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Bills on First Reading

The following bills were introduced. read severally first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

By Senator Stanford:

S. B. No. 242, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars to the Court of Civil Appeals of the Third Supreme Judicial District at Austin, Texas, for the balance of the

To Committee on Finance.

By Senators Lane and Cousins:

S. B. No. 243, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 8, 10, 11 and 12 of Article 8306, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925 Revision, and providing that the compensation rate of an injured employee under the Workmen's Compensation Law of Texas shall be computed at sixty per cent of his average weekly wages, but not less than \$7.00 a week; repealing all conflicting laws; and declaring an emergency.

To Committee on Insurance.

By Senator Kelley of Hidalgo:

S. B. No. 244, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing an open season for hunting, taking or killing quail in Kleberg and Kenedy Counties, and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Game and Fish.

By Senator Carney:

S. B. No. 245, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article XVII, Section 2, Subsection (a), Chapter 184, Acts of the Regular Session of the 47th Legislature (1941) requiring the distributor making the first sale or distribution to collect said tax from the purchaser or recipient of said motor fuel and to pay to the State of Texas the tax so collected and the tax on motor fuel used by said distributor; providing that the tax so collected shall be added to the selling price upon each subsequent sale so that such tax is ultimately paid by the person using or consuming said motor fuel; to amend Article XVII, Section 13, Chapter 184, Acts of the Regular Session of the 47th Legislature (1941) as amended by Section 2, Chapter 298, Acts of the Regular Session of the 48th Legislature (1943) providing for the refund of certain motor fuel taxes; establishing methods of accomplishing such refunds, providing for a filing fee and appropriating same, providing a method for segregating the amount to be refunded from the amounts to be allocated to the appropriate funds; appropriating the amount necessary for such re-funds; to amend Article XVII, Sec-tion 16, Chapter 184, Acts of the Regular Session of the 47th Legislature (1941) authorizing the Comptroller to cancel or refuse issuance, extension, or reinstatement of any permit or certificate, after hearing, "An Act amending Articles 3134, for certain causes; providing for the time, place, and manner of said hear-

ing and providing that all taxes col-lected or accrued shall become due and payable forthwith upon the cancellation of any permit; providing any aggrieved permittee shall have the right of appeal to the District Court of Travis County and describing the procedure in such appeals; to amend Article XVII, Section 25, Chapter 184, Acts of the Regular Session the 47th Legislature (1941) establishing a Farm to Market Roads Fund and prescribing the purpose for which said fund may be appropriated, defining terms, appropriating said fund for the biennium beginning September 1, 1947, and ending August 31, 1949, inclusive, appropriating certain sums for the administration and enforcement of the motor fuel tax, providing the methods and the appropriations by which sums received as motor fuel taxes are to be allocated to the Available School Fund, the County and Road District Highway Fund, the Farm to Market Roads Fund and the State Highway Fund, and making such allocations, providing that such allocations may be changed by subsequent appropriation bills; to amend Article XVII, Section 26, Chapter 184, Acts of the Regular Session of the 47th Legislature (1941) prescribing a misde-meanor penalty and fixing punish-ment for certain violations of this Article; to amend Article XVII, Section 27, Chapter 184, Acts of the Regular Session of the 47th Legislature (1941) as amended by Section 4, Chapter 298, Acts of the Regular Session of the 48th Legislature (1943), prescribing a felony penatly and fixing punishment for certain violations of said Article, providing that a conviction of felony under Section 27 shall automatically forfeit the right of the offender to obtain a permit for two years thereafter; fixing venue, and providing that the penalties prescribed in Section 27 shall apply and control over penal-ties prescribed in Section 26; providing this Act shall prevail over all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith; containing a severability clause, and declaring an emergency.'

To Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Cousins:

S. B. No. 246, A bill to be entitled

Articles 3134, 3154 and 3167, respectively, supplementary Articles to be designated as Articles 3134-A, 3154-A, 3167-B and 3167-C; providing that no one may vote in any precinct convention, nor as a delegate, alternate or proxy, from any precinct at any county convention who is not a legally qualified voter residing in such precinct; no person shall vote as delegate, alternate or proxy from any county at any District or State convention who is not legally qualified voter residing in such county; making it a criminal offense for the presiding officers of such conventions to make false returns as to the proceedings of the same; amending Article 188 of the Penal Code to include within its provisions the influencing of voters to go to or to remain from precinct conventions of political parties; amending Article 228 of the Penal Code to include within its provisions false certifications by the presiding officers of political conventions as to their convention proceedings; providing penalties; providing a severability clause; and declaring an emergency." emergency.

To Committee on Privileges and Election.

By Senator Cousins:

S. B. No. 247, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the compensa-tion of all county treasurers in all counties having a population of not less than 175,000 inhabitants and not more than 220,000 inhabitants according to the preceding Federal census, general or special; providing for the appointment and compensation of one assistant; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By Senator Cousins:

S. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring all railroad companies or receivers of any railroad companies to equip cabooses or other cars used as cabooses with electric lights; prescribing a penalty for violation of act; providing that if any section, sentence, or clause shall be declared invalid by the courts that, other sections or parts of this act shall not be affected thereby, and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Labor.

Lane, Bullock, Jones, Winfield, Proffer, Brown and Kelley of Hidalgo:

S. B. No. 249, A bill to be entitled "An Act to carry into effect Section 62 (a) of Article 16 of the Constitution as recently adopted by amendment; declaring the purpose of the Act and defining terms used therein; creating a personnel and establishing a Retirement System for aged and incapacitated employees of the State; providing for the appointment of a Board and a Director to administer the affairs of the Retirement System and the personnel department; prescribing the conditions requisite to membership in the retirement system and the conditions for retirement in accordance with actuarially-made mortality, service and other tables authorized herein; describing the benefits of disability retirement and authorizing the return of contributions to persons withdrawing from the system; establishing optional benefits and authorizing credit for military service: making the Attorney General the legal adviser of the Board and providing for the designation of a Medical Board and an actuary; providing for the creation, management and distribution of the employees saving fund, the membership accumulation fund, the membership annuity reserve fund, the interest fund, the permanent retirement fund, the prior service annuity reserve fund and the expense fund; providing for membership fees to help finance the retirement system; providing for contributions to the system from employees-members; providing for State matching funds by amending Section 2, Article XX, Chapter 184, Acts of the Regular Session of the 47th Legislature; exempting retirement benefits from levy, sale, garnishment, attachment or other process; prescribing a penalty for fraudulent conversion of any funds of the system or misapplication of said funds, and making members of the system ineligible for other State retirement benefits; prescribing further duties of the Personnel Board and Director of Personnel; describing classified service and exemptions, and providing for a code of rules with restrictions, limitations and requirements for the classified service; fixing the status and rights of employees when this Act becomes effective, and prohibiting certain po-By Senators Parrish, Vick, Stan- litical activities; prohibiting unlawful ford, Crawford, Strauss, Hazlewood, acts and prescribing misdemeanor

penalties; providing for an appropriation to organize the retirement system and to maintain the personnel department; containing saving and repealing clauses and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Kelley of Hidalgo:

S. B. No. 250, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate funds to the State Department of Agriculture for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the certain prior Acts of the Legislature, such funds to be appropriated for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1947, and being supplementary to the appropriation granted by Senate Bill No. 317, Acts of the 49th Legislature, Regular Session; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Finance.

By Senator York:

S. B. No. 251, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing workmen's com-pensation insurance for certain employees of the institutions and agencies under the direction or government of the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Machanical College Texas; authorizing the said Board of Directors to require other employees to acquire protection under a group insurance plan; authorizing the said institutions and agencies to be self-insuring; providing that the institutions and agencies shall administer this Act; prescribing the powers and duties of the Industrial Accident Board and of the institu Accident Board and of the institutions and agencies; adopting by reference certain Legislative Acts relating to workmen's compensation insurance; providing the Industrial Accident Board and the institutions and agencies may require the examination of applicants for compensation; providing for time of filing notice of injury and of claim for compensation; providing for appeals from rulings of the Industrial Accident Board; providing that the institutions and agencies shall keep permanent records and make reports to the Industrial Accident Board of injuries sustained by employees; providing for physical examination of employees and persons to be employed; providing funds for the payment of all costs,

prescribing duties of clerks of courts in compensation cases under this law: prescribing penalty for failure to perform such duties; declaring the provisions of this Act to be severable; suspending all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith to the extent of such conflict; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Crawford:

S. B. No. 252, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Articles 2701 and 3888, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended; providing for an assistant to the ex-officio county superintendent of public instruction; providing for salary of such; provid-ing for office and traveling expense for such ex-officio county superintendent; providing remuneration for such officials; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, providing a saving clause; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Education.

By Senator Winfield:

S. B. No. 253, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of \$7,748.30 to the College of Mines and Metallurgy, a branch of The University of Texas, at El Paso, Texas, for the purpose of constructing and equipping buildings and other permanent improvements at said College; and declaring an emergency."

To Committee on Finance.

By Senator Stanford:

S. J. R. No. 9, Proposing an amendment to Article 16, Section 56 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the Legislature is authorized to appropriate not to exceed the sum of One Million (\$1,000,-000.00) Dollars, per year for a period of five (5) successive years and commencing at any time within two (2) years after adoption hereof, for the purpose of bringing tourists, immigrants and industries into this State; providing that at the expiration of such period the Legislature shall have no power to appropriate any of the public money for the establishment and maintenance of a Bureau of Immigration, or for any purpose of administrative expense, charges, bene- bringing immigrants to this State; fits, and awards authorized by this providing for submission of the same law; providing for reports to the Governor and to the Legislature; providing for the necessary proclamation and making an appropriation to defray the expense of the proclamation, publication, and election.

To Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

House Concurrent Resolution 8

The President laid before the Senate for consideration at this time:

H. C. R. No. 8, Memoralizing Congress concerning claims of veterans who were prisoners of war in Japan and Germany.

The resolution was read and was adopted.

House Bill 231 on Second Reading

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 231, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1970-138, being the Acts of 1917, Ch. 93, Sec. 11, as amended by Acts of 1918, 4th C. S., Ch. 14, Sec. 4, as amended by the Acts of 1927, Ch. 191, Sec. 1, so as to provide that the salary of the Judge of the County Court at Law of El Paso County shall be Fifty-five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00) annually."

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

House Bill 231 on Third Reading

Senator Winfield moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that H. B. No. 231 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote.

Yeas-24

Aikin	Morris
Brown	Parrish
Bullock	Proffer
Carney	Ramsey
Chadick	Stanford
Crawford	Strauss
Harris	Taylor
Hazlewood	Tynan
Jones	Vick
Kelley of Hidalgo	Weinert
Lane	Winfield
Moffett	York

Nays-4

Cousins	Kelly of Tarrant
Hardeman	Knight

Absent—Excused

Mauritz Stewart Phillips

The President then laid the bill before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-26

Aikin	Moffett
Brown	Morris
Bullock	Parrish
Carney	Proffer
Chadick	Ramsey
Crawford	Stanford
Hardeman	Strauss
Harris	Taylor
Hazlewood	Tynan
Jones	Vick
Kelley of Hidalgo	Weinert
Kelly of Tarrant	Winfield
Lane	\mathbf{York}

Absent

Cousins Knight
Absent—Excused

Mauritz Stewart Phillips

Senate Bill 106 with House Amendments

Senator Taylor called S. B. No. 106 from the President's table for consideration of the House amendments to the bill.

The President laid the bill and House amendments before the Senate, and the House amendments were read.

Senator Taylor moved that the Senate concur in the House amend-

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-25

Knight
Moffett
Morris
Proffer
Stanford
Strauss
Taylor
Tynan
Vick
Weinert
Winfield
York

Absent

Lane Ramsey Parrish

Absent-Excused

Mauritz Phillips Stewart

House Bills and Resolution on First Reading

The following House bills and resolution received from the House today were laid before the Senate, read first time, and referred to the committees indicated:

H. B. No. 3, to Committee on Finance.

H. B. No. 37, to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. B. No. 167, to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

H. C. R. No. 30, to Committee on Public Health.

House Bill 258 on Second Reading

Senator Stanford moved that Section 5 of Article III of the State Constitution be suspended and that H. B. No. 258 be taken up for consideration at this time.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-25

Aikin	Knight
Brown	Lane
Bullock	Moffett
Carney	Proffer
Chadick	Stanford
Cousins	Strauss
Crawford	Taylor
Hardeman	Tynan
Harris	Vick
Hazlewood	Weinert
Jones	Winfield
Kelley of Hidalgo	York
Kelly of Tarrant	

Nays-1

Morris

Absent

Parrish

Ramsey

Absent—Excused

Mauritz Phillips Stewart

The President laid before the Senate on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 258, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 3943, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas 1925, as amended allowing additional compensation for county treasurer; repeal all laws in conflict; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time. Question—Shall the bill be passed to third reading?

On motion of Senator Stanford, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Resolution 36

(To Amend Senate Rule 90)

Senator Brown offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved that Temporary Rule 90 of the Rules of the Senate be amended so as same shall hereafter read as follows:

"90. When a nomination is considered in executive session, all information and remarks touching the character or qualifications of the nomination shall be kept secret; but the confirmation or rejection of each nominee shall be reflected by the vote thereon of each Senator present, which vote shall be recorded in the Senate Journal and shall disclose how each Senator voted with reference to confirmation or rejection of each nominee."

BROWN MORRIS TYNAN AIKIN.

There was no objection offered to the reading of the resolution.

The resolution was read.

Senator Aikin offered the following substitute for the resolution:

"Nominations of the Governor shall be considered in open session and the vote shall be published in the Senate Journal."

> AIKIN RAMSEY MORRIS.

Senator Moffett moved that the resolution and the substitute be referred to the Committee on Rules.

Question—Shall the motion to refer prevail?

Adjournment

Senator Weinert moved that the Senate adjourn until 10:30 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

Yeas and nays were demanded. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-16

Carney Chadick Cousins Crawford Harris Kelly of Tarrant	Lane Moffett Proffer Ramsey Strauss Taylor
Kelly of Tarrant	Taylor
Knight	Tynan

Weinert Winfield

Nays—12

Aikin Kelley of Hidalgo
Brown Morris
Bullock Parrish
Hardeman Stanford
Hazlewood Vick
Jones York

Absent-Excused

Mauritz Stewart Phillips

Accordingly, the Senate, at 12:00 o'clock m., adjourned until 10:30 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

In Memory of

James E. Ferauson

Senator Vick offered the following resolution:

(Senate Resolution 35)

Whereas, On the day of September 21, 1944, all of Texas was saddened to learn of the untimely death of James E. Ferguson, one of Texas' best known and beloved statesmen; and

Whereas, James E. Ferguson was born and raised in the rural community of Bell County, Texas, and as a boy, experienced all the hardships of the pioneer days common to farm life; and

Whereas, He rose steadily from this humble beginning, through hard work and application of his talents, through effort and study, to become a lawyer, businessman, banker, Governor of his State for two terms, and was influential and instrumental in helping his wife, Miriam A. Ferguson, to be elected Governor for two terms, thereby establishing a record of family service never equalled in the annals of the colorful history of our great State; and

Whereas, To attempt to catalog the lasting services promulgated and established by this great statesman would be only to limit them. History alone can impress succeeding generations with the great good accomplished by a statesman whose career has been placed alongside that of Sam Houston and James Stephen Hogg; and

Whereas, Throughout James E. Ferguson's life, destiny chose to give him great victories and crushing defeats, his spirit remained undaunted and his courage never faltered. He came back from such defeats with successive achievements and accomplishments of such widespread benefits that he is truly remembered as Texas' greatest commoner; and

Whereas, Words, phrases in resolutions are but feeble attempts to do justice to this great statesman, may it always be remembered that he used the talents assigned to him by the Divine Master of Men, plus the inspiration of his friends and fellow citizens toward the accomplishment of everlasting achievements which will do honor to the memory of his illustrious career and forever establish the greatness of his name and that of his family, not only in the pages of history, but forever and incrasable in the hearts of his fellowmen; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the death of James E. Ferguson, the State and the nation lost one of its most renowned statesmen, and Governor Miriam A. Ferguson lost a kind and devoted companion, and the

people lost a diligent and fearless friend; and, be it further
Resolved, That when the Senate adjourn on this date that it do so
in memory of the lasting services of this great leader and that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Miriam A. Ferguson and each member of the family, and that one copy be kept in the archives of this body.

VICK

Signed—Allan Shivers, Lieutenant Governor; Senators Aikin, Bullock, Carney, Chadick, Cousins, Crawford, Hardeman, Harris, Hazlewood, Jones, Kelley of Hidalgo, Kelly of Tarrant, Knight, Lane, Mauritz, Moffett, Morris Parrish, Phillips, Proffer, Ramsey, Stanford, Stewart, Strauss, Taylor, Tynan, Weinert, Winfield York.

The resolution was read.

On motion of Senator Aikin, and by unanimous consent, the names of the Lieutenant Governor and all Members of the Senate were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote of the Senate.